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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 5, lines 1-3, please replace with the following:

 $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are each independently selected from  $(R)_{\alpha}(CH_2)_{\beta}R'$  and  $(R)_{\alpha}[(CH_2)_{\gamma} O]_{\delta}R'$  (wherein, R is CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, O, OCO, or OCO<sub>2</sub>, R' is O, CO<sub>2</sub>, or OCO<sub>2</sub>,  $\alpha$  is 0 or 1,  $\beta$  is 0 to 5,  $\gamma$  is 1 or 2, and  $\delta$  is 1 to 5, but if R and R' are both O, then  $\beta$  is not 0);

On page 6, lines 3-5, please replace with the following:

 $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are each independently selected from  $(R)_{\alpha}(CH_2)_{\beta}R'$  and  $(R)_{\alpha}[(CH_2)_{\gamma} O]_{\delta}R'$  (wherein, R is CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, O, OCO, or OCO<sub>2</sub>, R' is O, CO<sub>2</sub>, or OCO<sub>2</sub>,  $\alpha$  is 0 or 1,  $\beta$  is 0 to 5,  $\gamma$  is 1 or 2, and  $\delta$  is 1 to 5, but if R and R' are both O, then  $\beta$  is not 0);

On page 7, lines 1-2, please replace with the following:

OCO<sub>2</sub>,  $\alpha$  is 0 or 1,  $\beta$  is 0 to 5,  $\gamma$  is 1 or 2, and  $\delta$  is 1 to 5, but if R and R' are both O, then  $\beta$  is not  $\alpha$ 0);  $\alpha$ 1; is a hydroxyl group;  $\alpha$ 2; and  $\alpha$ 3 one having carboxyl group;